

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 KUALA 04714 120855Z

15

ACTION EA-09

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 EUR-12 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02

INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

USIA-06 AID-05 OMB-01 /074 W
----- 036162

R 120740Z AUG 75

FM AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 910

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMCONGEN HONG KONG

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY MANILA

USLO PEKING

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

CINCPAC

C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 4714

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CH, MY

SUBJ: GOM-PRC RELATIONS

REF: A) KL 3823

B) KL A-56, 4/30/75

1. GOM FONMIN OFFICIAL HANDLING CHINA AFFAIRS (ZAINAL ABIDIN BIN IBRAHIM) HAS PROVIDED INFORMATION ON SOME PRC EMBASSY ACTIVITIES WHICH HAVE DISTURBED THE GOM: (A) EMBASSY OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN VISITING SECONDARY AND COLLEGE-LEVEL INSTITUTIONS BOTH TO SPEAK TO STUDENTS AND FACULTY AND TO DISTRIBUTE VARIOUS WRITTEN MATERIALS; AND (B) MALAYSIAN CHINESE, WHOM THE GOM REGARDS AS "STATELESS", APPLYING FOR VISAS TO VISIT CHINA HAVE BEEN REQUIRED TO FILL OUT FORMS FOR PRC CITIZENS, AS DISTINCT FROM
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 KUALA 04714 120855Z

FORMS REQUIRED OF FOREIGNERS TRAVELING TO CHINA.

2. PRC ATTITUDE TOWARD THE "STATELESS" CHINESE IN CONSISTENT WITH ITS POSITION, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, DURING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOM LEADING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, I.E. "IF THEY ARE NOT MALAYSIAN CITIZENS THEN THEY MUST BE CHINESE CITIZENS, THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A STATELESS PERSON." THE GOM, HOWEVER, HAS PREFERRED TO REGARD QUESTION OF "STATELESS" CHINESE AS UNRESOLVED, REQUIRING FURTHER NEGOTIATION. ZAINAL CONFIRMED ONCE AGAIN THAT THE GOM HAS BEEN UNABLE TO AGREE ON POSITION TO PRESENT TO THE PRC ON THIS ISSUE. WHILE THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS POTENTIAL IRRITANT RESOLVED, DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS HAVE THUS FAR MADE COMPROMISE IMPOSSIBLE AS THE GOM IS UNPREPARED TO OFFER CITIZENSHIP TO THE APPROXIMATELY 250,000 CLASSIFIED "STATELESS".

3. ALSO, A DIPLOMATIC SOURCE HAS TOLD US THAT, DURING THE PRC AMBASSADOR'S VISIT TO THE CHINESE ASSEMBLY HALL (PARA 2 REF A), AMBASSADOR WANG IN EFFECT INSTRUCTED THE ASSOCIATED CHINESE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE IN MOST EMPHATIC TERMS NOT TO DISTRIBUTE ANY MATERIALS EMANATING FROM THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON TAIWAN. REPORTEDLY THE GOM, WHILE NOT ACTUALLY CONCERNED OVER THE CONTENT OF THE MESSAGE, WAS TROUBLED THAT AMBASSADOR WANG WAS ISSUING ORDERS TO MALAYSIAN CITIZENS AND ORGANIZATIONS.

4. COMMENT: MALAYSIA'S INTERNAL SITUATION IS SUCH THAT PRC EMBASSY ACTIVITIES INEVITABLY WILL BE VIEWED WITH CONSIDERABLE SUSPICION AND MISTRUST, HOWEVER, IT IS CLEAR THAT FOLLOWING AN INITIAL PERIOD OF CIRCUMSPECTION IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ITS EMBASSY HERE, THE PRC HAS NOW ADOPTED A MUCH MORE AGGRESSIVE "INFORMATION/PROPOGANDA" PROGRAM. THIS MAY BE IN REACTION TO THE ACTIVE BUT, IN OUR VIEW, LARGELY INEFFECTIVE SOVIET INFORMATION PROGRAM IN MALAYSIA. WHILE PRC ACTION WILL HAVE CONSIDERABLE IMPACT AMONG MALAYSIAN CHINESE, IN THE LONG RUN THEY MAY PROVE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE BECAUSE OF THEIR EFFECT ON THE MALAY DOMINATED GOVERNMENT.
DILLON

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: FOREIGN RELATIONS, ECONOMIC CONDITIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 12 AUG 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: CunninFX
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975KUALA04714
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750277-1106
From: KUALA LUMPUR
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750861/aaaacbpu.tel
Line Count: 98
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 KUALA LUMPUR 3823
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: CunninFX
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 10 JUL 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <10 JUL 2003 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <13 NOV 2003 by CunninFX>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: GOM-PRC RELATIONS
TAGS: PFOR, CH, MY
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006